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Application of Ralf Reiner Schumann and Norbert Lamping.

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For THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR THE TREATMENT OF SEPTICAEMIA, ITS PREPARATION AND USE

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## **Preliminary Amendment**

Prior to taking up this case for action, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

## In the disclosure

Please enter the enclosed substitute disclosure and the following abstract.

## In the claims

Replace claims 1-11 with the following new claims:

--12. An agent for the treatment of septicemia containing as the active component protein binding lipopolysaccharide (LBP), its variants, mutants or hybrid proteins.--

--13. The agent of claim 12, wherein said LBP comprises human LBP.--

--14. The agent of claim 12, wherein said LBP comprises murine LBP.

--15. The agent of claim 12, wherein said LBP comprises at least one of rabbit at LBP.--

2 or rat LBP.--

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